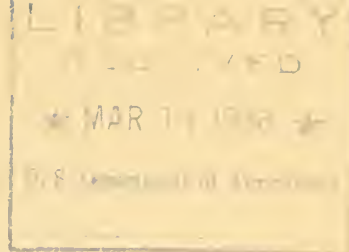


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VERDELLI LEMON PROSPECTS IN SICILY

The weather in Sicily has been unfavorable to fruit growers and the crops of this winter and spring are expected to suffer accordingly, according to a January 17, 1928 report just received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Consul Howard K. Travers at Palermo.

The Verdelli lemon crop, which is usually shipped about May 1 of each year, is said to be about 30 per cent lower than that of last year. The quality of the fruit is now very good, large fruit predominating, due to the heavy rains of the past few months. Rumors of frost during the past few weeks have been somewhat current, but they are not verified by statements of the leading producers and exporters of the district.

Oranges are large, juicy, and somewhat sour, but it is stated that another month will entirely change this condition, as the sun has been unusually warm for this season of the year, and a good crop is predicted.

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